

Fox Canyon VOICE

WE'RE JUST WILD
About Our Neighborhood!

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All RESIDENTS and BUSINESSES of: all of LANTANA, RENO, AUBURN (4758-5160) DRIVES; all of ONTARIO, CASTLE, South side of UNIVERSITY (4749-4849), East side of EUCLID (3611-3889), ESTRELLA (3803-3857) AVENUES; DWIGHT (4759-4792), WIGHTMAN (4750-4871) STREETS.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue, 92105

(The Auburn Park community room)

Members of neighboring communities and the public
are welcome

*Have you experienced how difficult and dangerous it is for
your children to cross Euclid/Dwight to get on the school
bus? Have you experienced how difficult and dangerous it
is to get out of your own driveway on curbed streets?*

*Have you experienced or witnessed the near accident
misses while driving, walking and crossing the street at
Winona/Wightman and Euclid/Dwight?*

GET INVOLVED!

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions above, get
involved and attend the next association meeting to support the
installation of 3-way stop signs at these two intersections and
get on with the alternative process needed to get them done.

UNDERGROUNDING

Did you return your **PERMISSION** to Enter to the city in
preparation to undergrounding to start?

Now that undergrounding is a near reality, this is the
**opportunity for the residents to revisit the long ago
proposed Lighting District. The Lighting District will
install new decorative (period) lighting poles and
fixtures and place more street lights mid-block as
needed. For beautification purposes and added
security and visibility in curvy streets like the ones in
our neighborhood are in need of more street lights.**

Need a JOB?

If you are in need of a job, attend the next meeting; get
involved, there are lots of decisions needing to be made to
continue the improvement of our community in beauty and
safety. In addition, you will learn where and when to apply
for a job with **NORTHGATE MARKET**



Jennifer Guingab of Bartell & Associates will be presenting
the Northgate Market's Job Fair (*100 employment positions
available*) and announcing the store's grand opening on
September 15th, to which you are all invited. Attend the
Association meeting and find out how, where and when
you can apply for a job, if you need one.

CAPTAIN BOB KANASKI'S DAY

August 2, 2011 was declared to be Captain Bob Kanaski's Day in the
city of San Diego.

Fox Canyon wishes the best to, now citizen, Bob Kanaski in his well-
deserved retirement. We will never forget those who through a deep
desire to serve the community invest time and energy building solid
partnerships while improving the quality of life for all. At the time in
which Captain Kanaski was the CRO to our community group, he did an
exemplary job fighting crime and helping improve the peace and quiet
of the neighborhood.

4960 LANTANA # 12

A loud party (Incident # 11070043817) was reported Thursday night
(07/22/11) at the above address. The occupants refused to open the
door and after hearing fighting inside, the police forced entry. There
were several underage people drinking, inside, and a few people
unconscious. Quite a few jumped off the back porch, into the canyon
and down to Auburn. One male resident was arrested. He mentioned
to the police that the tenants were served with eviction papers, but still
had a couple weeks left before they got kicked out.

MICHAEL'S BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday August 17, 2011 Michael Andrews is turning 50 and
there is a very special celebration on Saturday August 20, 2011. We
will have a Pot Luck and BBQ, everyone bring a dish to share and
anything you want to BBQ. Please join us for this special celebration
for Michael. For more information call Gene at (619) 564 6056.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday, AUGUST 09, 2011 @ 6:15 PM

5123 University Avenue

(Community Room at AUBURN PARK)

Proposed Agenda:

Neighborhood Issues:

**3-way Stops at Winona/Wightman and
Euclid/Dwight**

And

NORTHGATE MARKET Presentation

COME and JOIN US!

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

Will meet August 23, 2011 @ 6:30 PM

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GRID ALTERNATIVES

(July 12, 2011 meeting)

Go Solar in Fox Canyon:

Obtain a free or low cost solar energy system

GRID Alternatives, a local nonprofit organization and licensed electrical contractor, has a mission to empower communities in need by providing renewable energy and energy efficiency services, equipment and training. Through a new opportunity offered through the state of California, the Single Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH), GRID Alternatives links homeowners who are most in need of lower energy prices with the opportunity to obtain a free or low cost solar energy system. To date, GRID Alternatives has installed over 100 systems in San Diego and over 1,000 systems statewide.

GRID Alternatives is currently looking for new homeowners for this exciting opportunity. To be eligible, an applicant must be a customer of SDG&E, the home must be occupied by the homeowner/applicant. The household's total income must be 80% of the area median income or less based on the most recent available income tax return, and the residence must be located within the City's Enterprise Zone (<http://www.sandiego.gov/sdrez/>). A homeowner may qualify for either a fully subsidized (free) 1 Kilowatt system or a partially subsidized system designed around your electricity usage. This depends on income, enrollment in SDG&E's CARE Program, and any tax liability.

If you meet any of these requirements, GRID Alternatives can schedule an onsite home visit and answer any questions you have about the program, give you an application packet, and look at your roof to determine if it is suitable for solar. GRID Alternatives is also looking for volunteers. You can get hands-on experience with solar by volunteering with GRID and helping your neighbors go solar. For more information, contact GRID Alternatives at (619) 239-4743 or visit www.gridalternatives.org.

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(See flyer, page 7)

FIRST CANYON BRUSH FIRE



The first canyon fire of the season arrived threatening the homes on the hill and all others behind it, if the fire were to have spread. Quick action from the Fire Department stopped the fire right in its tracks. Living at the canyon's rim is wonderful and beautiful. But along with such beauty, the responsibility to keep the area safe from brush fires requires that **WE ALL** do our required part and work to create a fire break and keep the defensible space clear of combustible brush. Neighbor Teri Siciliani

has spearheaded the issue of hiring **GOATS** to help us keep-up with the responsibility of maintaining the canyon walls clean of debris and brush. Last month she circulated flyers around the rim of all finger canyons. "The goats, she said, are both environmentally friendly and a cost efficient solution. No toxic chemicals, no pollution to the environment, no loud noise, no heavy bags to push up hill, only the soft bleating of a herd of goats. And the best part is the cost can be less than hiring people to clear the land." For more information or to participate call **Teri @ (619) 299-5930**



3-WAY STOP WINONA/WIGHTMAN

Neighbors my name is Rebecca Lopez. I am a Member of the Fox Canyon Neighborhood Association Board of Directors and the Treasurer. I have been requesting a 3 way stop at the curve/corner of Winona and Wightman for a while. Recently, I received notice from the city that the intersection does not meet the "20 points requirement" to obtain the stop. I am very concerned because there have been numerous accidents there head on and hundreds more close calls. If you look at the curve there is also a drive-way from an apartment building that feeds right into the curve, very dangerous. I am sure that most of the accidents are not reported so at this point I am on my own as far as documented evidence for this stop sign request. There are only a few recorded accidents and the traffic flow is supposedly not high enough to demand the stop.

Since a formal request to the streets division has been made and was denied there are basically three ways we can do this: One, is to make a formal request to CD7 and have Councilmember Emerald make a formal request to the Streets Department for re-evaluation of the request due to safety concerns

Second, is to make a formal request to the City Heights Area Planning Committee with a letter of support for the request that can be taken to City Planning staff as well as the Streets Division and CD7 to show that there is public and community support for the request. The next meeting of the CHAPC is September 19th if this issue is to be brought before the Committee and added to the agenda.

Third, there is the alternative method. The alternative method to get stops placed on location requires grassroots community effort of need determination when the engineering department has made a determination to decline the stop.

1. The neighborhood organization in a public forum (Brown Act) needs to hear the issue to acerbate affected area residents' support.
2. Public testimonials need to be in the record along with a formal petition from residents around the affected area and documentation if available (pictures, videos, letters of support, etc.).

Due to the seriousness of these issues, please attend the association meeting this Tuesday, August 09, 2011 @ 6:15 PM to show need and support.

Neighbors:

The same issues apply to the 3-way stop needed at **Euclid/Dwight**. For long many years the community has been asking that a 3-way stop to be placed at this location. We need you *(the one that has been asking for this improvement)* to attend the next meeting, support the issue and get on with all the requirements needed to make our neighborhood a safer place to drive, walk, work and live.

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING

Gang & Graffiti Presentation

With recent events related to gang activity and graffiti tagging sprees on Lantana, Castle and lower Auburn, Detective Steven Hobbs with the Gang Suppression Team (GST) will attend the next association meeting and give those in attendance a Gang & Graffiti Presentation.

WE ALL NEED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO GET ON THE BALL OF HOW TO PREVENT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD FROM BEING TAKEN OVER BY GANGS AGAIN. Make plans to be there!

CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING

Mr. Lopez:

It was a real pleasure to speak with you on the phone!

I'd like to submit an article in your community publication regarding a unique crime prevention program that is reducing the prevalence of drugs, gangs

and other safety concerns in and around apartment (condo) communities throughout San Diego. The article is short in length in order to fit into your publication. The program, known as Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFHM), is implemented in three phases to help apartment managers and residents identify, eliminate and – in many cases – prevent illegal nuisance-related activity from occurring at their properties.

I am more than happy to answer any additional questions you may have about the program – 619-253-4989. Can you please notify me if you decide to publish the article?

Respectfully,

Anthony J. Wagner,

Policy and Media Strategist

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(See article, page 8)

REASSIGNMENT

Dear Friends,

I have been reassigned to the 810's service area. Your new lieutenant is **Stephanie Rose**. If you have not yet met her, I am sure Louie will be bringing her to meet you very soon.

Thank you for all you do.

Respectfully,

Andrew

Lieutenant Andrew Hoffman

San Diego Police Department, Mid-City Division

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CRIME WATCH

AUTO_BURGLARY	08/03--04/11	1900	3800 WINONA
NARCOTICS	07/31/2011	0030	4800 WIGHTMAN
AUTO_BURGLARY	07/31/2011	05-0700	4800 WIGHTMAN
ASSAULT	07/28/2011	1042	4900 AUBURN
VANDALISM	07/27/2011	2146	4900 LANTANA
CURFEW	07/27/2011	2216	4900 LANTANA
NARCOTICS	07/26/2011	2155	3800 EUCLID
NARCOTICS	07/26/2011	2215	3800 EUCLID
SEXUAL_ASSAULT	07/19/2011	0031-0040	3600 ONTARIO
ASSAULT	07/15/2011	1700-2100	4700 DWIGHT
NARCOTICS	07/15/2011	0126	4700 LANDIS
NARCOTICS	07/05/2011	1030	5100 UNIVERSITY
NARCOTICS	07/04/2011	1241	4800 WIGHTMAN
DRUNK_IN_PUBLIC	07/02/2011	0754	5000 AUBURN
CURFEW	06/14/2011	0537	4800 CASTLE



**CENTER ON
POLICY INITIATIVES**



Dear Jose Lopez,
Once again, a vote on outsourcing operations at Miramar Landfill has been delayed. The San Diego City Council vote was expected this week, but it's been put off until September. This is a positive sign

the Mayor and City Council are giving thorough consideration to the many concerns raised by community members. **Thank you to everyone who helped call attention to the potential costs, service impacts and environmental risks of outsourcing the landfill operations. Your voices have been heard.**

We'll keep you updated when a vote is rescheduled. For now, remember to appreciate Miramar Landfill whenever you take out the trash, Or for deeper appreciation, stop by to get some mulch and compost for your summer gardening.

Thanks again,

Clare Crawford, Executive Director, Center on Policy Initiatives

REDISTRICTING

The Redistricting Commission's new proposed (*Mid-City*) Council District 9 affords the fantastic possibility of a real second **GLTB** district in San Diego, one next to each other, as are 3 and 9, and a **third (3)** contiguous Latino district. Do you know that there is already a second Latino majority city council district? **District 4**, at the time of the last census, City Council District 4 was about **43%** Latino and trending to be **50%+** Latino sometime about the year 2015. Members of the group "Latino" have been the largest single group (ethno-demographically speaking) in city council district 4 for some 19 years. So, in effect, it appears there may soon be three (3) Latino Majority Districts regardless of how the lines are drawn. When we look at the map and see Districts 4, 8 and 9 together, as they are, all we can think-off is of all the endless possibilities and wonderful, future opportunities that these districts can afford, individually and together to the emerging Latino population, their issues of proper representation to continue advancing into the future and their imprint in San Diego's Finest City.

For District 9 to work, all the college communities, including El Cerrito, Redwood Village and Rolando Park need to be included in District 9 along with Kensington/Talmadge, City Heights and Mount Hope as sisters communities of ethno-social, educational and economic interest.

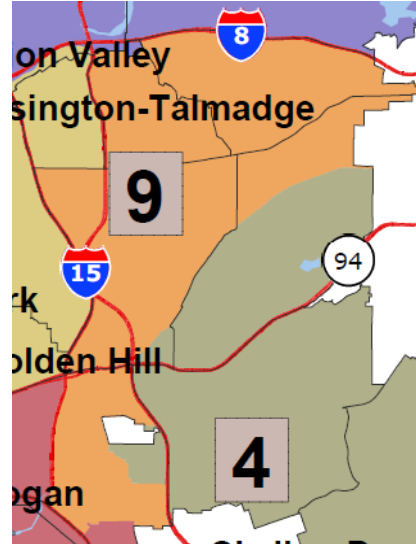
Kensington:

The Commission issued findings to support that the **LGTB** by itself is a "community of Interest". Based on this findings and the voting base for same sex marriage, the Commission drew new district 3 lines as they are proposed now, and which everyone is so happy about. The strong and affluent **GLTB** community of Kensington will not be alone and forgotten, nor their vote on issues of particular importance to them, be diluted in the new district 9, as is their concern. They have more commonality with City Heights than with any other communities around them. Think of this, Kensington will be united in one district with the City Heights community of Azalea Park, their **GLTB** sister community of interest to the southwest and Councilman Todd Gloria (now a City Heights resident) does not have to move away from his present residence to run for office as the first **GLTB** Representative of new District 9. Can you imagine how exciting it will be having an award winning **Azalea Park/KenTal** float in the Pride Parade, in 2012? This partnership of like communities of interest provides growth and the advancement of the issues that are important to the core of these two communities, including same sex marriage. But more importantly, it provides the opportunity to work together toward creating one thriving community and a second **GLTB** district. The same argument has been cited about beautiful turn of the (last) century historical homes in KenTal and the college areas, like Mr. Booth's historical home. Perhaps Kensingtonians have not discovered yet the impressive City Heights historical district of **Islenair** at the edge of Fox Canyon overlooking Oak Park over the cliff, with stunning views of Chula Vista, South Bay and Tijuana to the south. So intensely looking away from their front yard into Mission Valley and to the west, Kensingtonians have missed the bus for a long time, and have not yet discovered the fact that the historical Art deco Euclid Tower has been restored and that the Silverado

Ballroom will be finished by 2013 and next will be the Egyptian Garage creating a strong historical anchor and gateway to their community, their front yard at Euclid/University. The support of one single council member to advance the historical character of the Mid-Cities Historical districts will be the most appropriate without crossing political boundaries. Fox Canyon needs the conglomerate of Mid-City Historical districts activism and support to stop the emasculation of remaining historical cottages throughout City Heights and elsewhere.

Talmadge:

What is the interest of Talmadge to be united with City Heights? Parkland and a horrible looking end of Euclid Avenue. In new District 9, Euclid Avenue is no longer to be divided and ignored by Jerry Sanders and the political elite now living in Kensington, who in good days take the long way home (Aldine, Fairmount, I-8, 163) to get to City Hall. But in bad hair days, zooms down dusty, holey, moon-scape and blighted Euclid, in his tinted windows, highly polished, black SUV. Taking Euclid, Home, 94 west, and in fifteen minutes he is seated at his pent-house office, overlooking San Diego, City Hall's desk. In as much as KenTal wants to look elsewhere, they can no longer ignore El Cajon Blvd. With disdain it is said that these two communities don't shop in El Cajon. How aloof! But it is not the matter of shopping, it is the matter and interest in a front door that needs to receive proper maintenance and development to showcase and not diminish what it is behind, the magnificent seating and palatial homes of KenTal. Neighbor Jill Van Cleve once said it this way: "I love my turn of the century historical cottage on Wightman Street. What I strongly despised is the crap I have to go through to get to it." Does this ring a bell in Talmadge? Is this the reason why Kensingtonians prefer to zoom down the Valley to



go shopping? Blight is creeping into Talmadge. The unfinished structure at Monroe needs to be redeveloped and a Plan needs to be done to upgrade Euclid from Monroe to El Cajon. Here is where a community of interest is created. City Heights has the expertise on these matters and the interest to see a vibrant Euclid Avenue improved from Monroe to Home Avenue. Together we can create the terminus to a grand avenue that will

end in style and serve as the grand entrance to Talmadge. To advance this needed improvement one single council member will be needed so there is no conflicting planning and different political agendas. And you ask, from where will they to get their parkland, if not across El Cajon in City Heights?

Here is the marriage of interest and convenience:

City Heights, by the sheer numbers has the votes, but not the money to bankroll a candidate's campaign. Ken/Tal does and they boast about it. KenTal has the political elite but City Heights has the organizing savvy. KenTal has the money and the need, but City Heights has the **LATINO** maids, the nannies, the plumbers, the landscapers, the house painters and the cooks to keep their palatial homes immaculate, on the cheap, and their children well cared for and fed. KenTal has the rich fast-food franchise owner to keep us all fat, but City Heights has the Community

Gardens, one in particular was visited by Mrs. Michelle Obama, the US First Lady. In addition, City Heights has a fantastic Farmers Market to counter arrest the "**McDonalization**" of the food chain.

The **College Communities** have the nation's premier **urban** research university, SDSU, a community of interest to City Heights. City Heights has a humongous living social science laboratory for their graduate students to practice book and new theories, and the Urban Village is full of Social Service organizations, all sponsored by SDSU. Without this incubator there will be no fame for SDSU and no **DEDE ALPERT CENTER (a Kensingtonian)** at the City Heights corner of 43rd and El Cajon. Let us not forget that Fox Canyon was all along the way involved with the Mini-dorms issue and it was declared an impacted community. Furthermore, several graduate students have done their thesis on community organizing principals applied in Fox Canyon and plenty of more have complied with the requirement of community hours doing volunteer code enforcement, painting over graffiti, delivering newsletters, observing the social mechanics of our meetings, clean-ups, etc.

El Cerrito has white, educated, not on welfare university professors and **ESL** teaches living in single family homes. City Heights has the hordes of colored immigrants not all living in affordable housing and in desperate need to learn English well, and get fully prepared to get a degree at SDSU. With such degrees they would get a good paying job to purchase a house in Ken-Tal. Such symbiotic relationship is bonding and creates strong communities of interest, without the ESL City Heights students, those ESL professors will not have a job and would not be able to afford homes in El Cerrito.

The Commission has the proposed District 9 just right, extremely right and so right that it creates fear. Just because someone spooked the herd doesn't necessarily guarantee a stampede. The proposed district 9 brings in all the elements needed to create a unique, balanced and progressive district. One that is based in social and economic justice and in sister communities of interest and historical togetherness than anything else. Within the new proposed district we can't wait to get to work. Fox Canyon needs to turn old termite castles into new housing units, needs to improve Euclid Avenue, needs parks, needs to open a road at the Ontario Avenue street connection and we need a council member that understands our political needs and has enough vision and courage to stand by, and support **US**, and our needs as his/her constituents first. One council member that will respect and support the people of Fox Canyon within her/his new district boundaries and not give lip service to political, discriminatory and segregating agendas imported from somewhere else. Just think: wouldn't it be fun and really creative to have a gay or lesbian Latino or multi-racial council member living in KenTal as a new council member for new District 9?

LEO'S AUTOBODY

After a year plus of enforcement and inspections and long years of community suffering, one more chapter at the corner Euclid/Dwight has concluded thanks to the intervention of the City Attorney's Office and the agreement with the property owner, Ms. Booth. Another one starts, as some issues were not included in the agreement. For example: not renting this corner lot to automobile service and sales businesses, anymore. When will entrepreneurs and business owners understand the fact that residential and industrial uses do not mix. While this consciousness is not set in everyone, that a community has the right to live in peace and in healthy and good environmental conditions, there can be no peace and friendship among the parts. Unresolved issues are (1) as mentioned; no new leases for automobile service establishments, (2) the 3-way stop at this corner, (3) the red painting of the curbs on both sides of Dwight from the driveways terminus to the corner and (4) the relocation of the bus stop from the north side of Dwight to the south side. Soon we will get to work to accomplish these improvements that are a catalyst to the corner and deliver a better quality of

life for all resident of the loop Lantana/ Dwight and the properties of the businesses owners. I am confident that the property owners on both corners will be amiable and cooperating in getting this done. After all, these improvements will provide better property conditions; improve curb appeal and a better and highly priced property for the owners. Let us remember the growing pains we experienced when Sosa's Recycling was closed, but now, after some years of wait, we have a wonderful development on its place. The new clinic is a far better use than the old recycling center.

As expressed, the task to tackle these issues was too huge for the Neighborhood Association which does not have the resources, legal and investigative tools that the City Attorney's Office has. Therefore, the residents of the loop Lantana/Dwight and Euclid Avenue are deeply grateful for this agreement between the City Attorney and to the property owner, Ms. Booth. To all involved in solving this issue, we give **THANKS!**

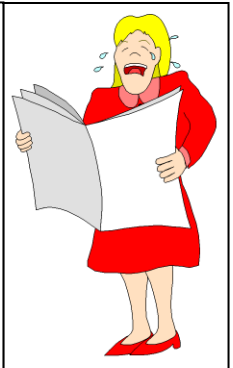
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We are grateful for the donation of her time

MARTI EMERALD NEWS

Good morning!

Councilmember Emerald would like to share information about several upcoming events in the community.

- Colina Park residents and property owners are encouraged to take advantage of the Colina Park Transportation Community Workshop, sponsored by the City Heights Community Development Corporation. The workshop will be held Thursday, **August 11** at 6:30 pm, at Ibarra Elementary School (4877 Orange Avenue).
- The Colina del Sol Municipal Pool presents a special Dive-In Movie, featuring family-friendly *How to Train Your Dragon* on Friday, **August 12**. The pool opens at 8pm and the movie starts at dusk.
- Councilmember Marti Emerald is partnering with Rural/Metro Ambulance to launch Neighborhood Beat, a free City-wide community CPR training program, on **August 13**. The event will take place at the SDSU Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center, 5500 Campanile Drive from 10am-2pm. All members of the community are invited to learn life-saving CPR skills.

We appreciate your assistance in spreading the word to your communities! More information is included in the attachments.

Thank you!

Cynthia R. Harris

Council Representative & Policy Advisor,

Councilmember Marti Emerald, Council District 7

FORGIVABLE LOANS

Jose,

I still have some funds for the Crossroads HELP program. The Redevelopment Agency has told me there is a pending city ordinance going before the city council which will enable them to remain in existence in exchange for transferring \$70 million to the State. The Redevelopment funds for FY 2012 for the HELP programs will probably be available thereafter; however, it's still up in the air. Thanks for your concern.

Lyle Knudson

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The San Diego Housing Commission has extended office hours at all sites from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm Friday, with every other Friday closed. During the month of July 2011, the Housing Commission offices will be closed Friday July 1, July 15 and July 29th, as well as Independence Day July 4th.

There you go neighbors, for those of you who asked about these forgivable Crossroads loans to fix your roofs in lieu of getting the solar panels from GRID Alternatives. Since the Agency passed the ordinance and paid the 70 million these loans are now available to you. Ask and you shall receive. Jose



MARTY BLOCK

Assemblymember - Seventy-Eighth District

California Legislature

Governor Signs CSU Appeals Legislation

SACRAMENTO – Students would be better informed of their options for appealing a denial of admission at a California State University (CSU) campus under legislation signed by Governor Jerry Brown. Authored by Assembly Higher Education Committee Chair Marty Block (AD-78), [AB 670](#) seeks to make sure that applicants who are denied admission to a CSU are notified of the campus appeals process, how long they have to appeal and ensure that each campus lists their appeals process on their Web sites so interested parties can easily access that information.

“College campuses sometimes make errors in student admissions. AB 670 gives rejected students an opportunity to correct these errors,” said Assembly Higher Education Chair Block. “This bill is designed to treat students fairly by giving them notice of their options when denied admission to a CSU and provides that each campus has a clear appeals process that is easily accessible. Current appeals processes at each campus are not always uniform and can be difficult for students to navigate or locate. Students rejected from a CSU might not have many other choices for pursuing a college degree and should they choose the route of appealing the university’s decision, it is important they know the appropriate process. This legislation is about openness, transparency, due process and fair access to higher education in California.”

AB 670 requires each CSU campus to have clear and uniform appeals procedures for applicants who are denied admission to a campus. The uniform appeals procedures will include the following:

The basis for appeal; A timeframe of 15 business days from the date of denial of admissions notification in which to appeal; A limit of one appeal per academic term; The contact information for the campus office to which an appeal is submitted, and; A time estimate for when the campus expects to issue a response to an appeal request. This bill will also require the appeal

information to be posted on each campus website. Out of 23 campuses, only seven had appeal procedures available on the campus Web site and each of those seven policies were different. This legislation would also require the inclusion of the appeals procedures in a denial of admission notification to students.

by the Governor was [AB 1013](#) (Committee on Higher Education), which would provide for technical and clarifying changes to the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (Act).

First, this bill would allow the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education within the Department of Consumer Affairs to authorize Ability-to-Benefit (ATB) tests if a relevant U.S. Department of Education (USDE) test is not available. Under federal law, students without a high school diploma or General Educational Development can qualify for federal Title IV loans, grants, and campus-based aid if they pass an independently administered test of their basic math and English skills, called an ATB test. Tests are approved by the USDE and administered by an independent party. Similarly, the Act requires all covered institutions to administer ATB tests to students who have not obtained secondary education. Students must pass a USDE-approved ATB test before enrolling in the institution. Unfortunately, certain training programs do not have USDE-approved tests relative to their specific training programs. This bill would allow the Bureau to authorize alternative ATB-style examinations for such programs.

Secondly, this bill would provide technical clean up to the Act regarding cancellations and refunds. The intent of the Act was to allow students to cancel a program and receive a 100% refund, less a deposit not to exceed \$250, until the first class day or the seventh day after enrollment, whichever is later. However, one section referencing this refund policy inadvertently reads that students shall have until the first class day or the seventh class day after enrollment to cancel a program.

This bill corrects this error and conflict.



City of San Diego Commits to Repay RDA Affordable Housing Funds

The San Diego City Council took action on Monday to “opt-in” in to Redevelopment pursuant to the recent legislation signed by the Governor, ABx1 27 by committing to redirect redevelopment revenues to other governmental entities. While ABx1 27 allows cities to utilize affordable housing funds to fulfill their funding obligation to the state, the City of San Diego made a commitment to repay all funds borrowed from affordable housing within three years.

We applaud the City of San Diego for its precedent setting action and encourage other cities to make the same commitment to protect affordable housing funds.

San Diego City Council Pulls Inclusionary Housing

On Monday, the San Diego City Council was scheduled to consider an update to its inclusionary housing ordinance. The proposed changes would have resulted in another reduction to the program’s in-lieu fee. The item was pulled however due to conflicting legal opinions from the City Attorney and the San Diego Housing Commission’s General Counsel regarding the legality of the amendments. The Housing Commission requested that the item be postponed pending consultation with the City Attorney’s office.



LOWER YOUR ELECTRIC BILLS USING THE SUN!

If you can answer 'YES' to these questions, you may be eligible to have a solar electric system installed on your home at NO out-of-pocket cost

- Do you own and live in your home?
- Are you a customer of San Diego Gas & Electric?
- Is your household income at or below these limits?

Household Size	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
Annual Gross Income	\$46,150	\$52,750	\$59,350	\$65,900	\$71,200	\$76,450	\$81,750	\$87,000

**If you meet all of the above criteria and are interested in using solar power to save on your electricity bills, please call GRID Alternatives at
(619) 239-4743**

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization and a licensed electrical and solar contractor that has worked with hundreds of homeowners statewide.

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News Release

For Immediate Release: July 25, 2011

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Crime Prevention Program Increases Safety at San Diego Apartment Communities

A unique crime prevention program is reducing the prevalence of drugs, gangs and other safety concerns in and around apartment communities throughout San Diego County. The program, known as Crime Free Multi-Housing (CFHM), is implemented in three phases to help apartment managers and residents identify, eliminate and – in many cases – prevent illegal nuisance-related activity from occurring at their properties.

In Phase One, apartment managers attend an 8-hour workshop conducted by local law enforcement agencies. This in-depth training session teaches managers how to identify individuals who could become difficult tenants and how to use lease addendums to address current residents who may be causing problems.

Managers also learn how to tap the assistance of several city and county agencies regarding issues like drug sales, domestic violence, child abuse, truancy, gangs and graffiti.

In the last two years, 108 apartment managers have participated in these training sessions. In San Diego alone, the workshops have fostered dramatic crime reduction strategies impacting more than 15,000 apartment units and approximately 41,000 tenants, according to Community Relations Officers with the San Diego Police Department.

In Phase Two, deputies or officers' conduct an on-site inspection with the apartment manager to identify and correct potential safety concerns including broken windows, screens and locks; inadequate lighting and overgrown trees/shrubs that could diminish visibility around the complex.

In Phase Three, residents join law enforcement officials and the manager at the complex to raise awareness about crime-prevention techniques, build trust and strengthen ongoing communications.

In addition to reducing crime and blight, the program also saves valuable taxpayer money. After implementing CFMH at one apartment complex in Lakeside, police and fire calls for service dropped 73 percent over the last two years, creating a savings of more than \$35,000 for local law enforcement and emergency services, according to the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

For more information about implementing Crime Free Multi-Housing in your apartment community, contact your local Community Relations Officer with the San Diego Police Department or Crime Prevention Specialist with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

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YOUTH COLLABORATION MEETING AUGUST 19, 2011

Hello, our next meeting for the collaboration to keep City Heights youth safe will be **Aug. 19 from 9-10:30 am** at our office (address in my signature). Sorry, we are not able to validate parking. Lynn Sharpe-Underwood, Executive Director of the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, will present on their work with youth. We will also discuss the group's idea to plan a youth career fair and as usual, share other activities we all have in the works for youth. Please share the attached flier – on Sept. 20 we are holding tryouts for the youth talent show portion of our Oct. 28 Day of the Dead event! Feel free to email me brief updates for our website of events for youth at <http://cityheightsyouth.wordpress.com/>

Hope to see you soon.

Paige Newman

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San Diego City Attorney Jan I. Goldsmith

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 26, 2011

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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SETTLES WITH PROPERTY OWNER TO CORRECT LONGSTANDING CODE VIOLATIONS AND UNPERMITTED ACTIVITY ON LARGE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LOTS IN MID CITY

San Diego, CA: The owner of 3611-3631 Euclid Avenue, a large property in the Mid-City area consisting of both residential and commercial lots will pay significant civil penalties and investigative costs as part of a civil action filed by the City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit. Nhung Lu Booth purchased the property back in September 1996 and allowed multiple uses of the property including the operation of unpermitted businesses which did not meet required development regulations. Violations alleged by the City include the unpermitted remodel and alteration of dwelling units; lack of required smoke detectors in the dwelling units; unpermitted electrical and plumbing work; non-permitted commercial tenant improvements; non-permitted signage; illegal commercial storage; and illegal outdoor vehicle repair storage. Most significantly, the owner allowed an auto body shop to illegally conduct its business on an undeveloped lot, resulting in numerous complaints by residents who were negatively impacted by the commercial activity and lack of parking in the neighborhood.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Nicole Pedone who worked closely with inspectors from the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance Division. Without admitting liability, the property owner agreed to pay \$4,639.50 to reimburse the City for investigative costs and \$15,000 in civil penalties for violations of the San Diego Municipal Code. Another \$35,000 in penalties is stayed pending full compliance with the terms of the settlement. The owner is enjoined from operating or allowing the operation of any business in the City without first obtaining all necessary permits and from violating any building, zoning, municipal code regulations or nuisance laws at the property or in the City of San Diego. Finally, the owner must correct all of the violations and develop the property with all required permits under an agreed timeline.

According to City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, "This property has negatively impacted the community for entirely too long. Holding this business owner accountable will help to improve the quality of life of surrounding residents and ensure that the property is developed with proper permits, reviews, and inspections."

The [City Attorney's Code Enforcement Unit](#) was established in 1984 to address nuisance properties and code violations throughout San Diego. The Unit works in partnership with the City's Neighborhood Code Compliance Department, the San Diego Police Department, and the community to identify and aggressively address code violations and nuisance properties. Community members can report property violations to the Neighborhood Code Compliance Division at 619-236-5500.

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How Would **You** Make it Easier to Get Around your Neighborhood?



Let's talk about how to make it better

Colina Park Transportation Community Workshop

Thursday, August 11, 2011

6:30pm to 8:30pm

Ibarra Elementary School (4877 Orange Ave)

Colina Park residents who attend this workshop and the follow-up workshop in late fall will be entered into a raffle to

win a free commuter bicycle!

Free snacks and refreshments

For more info contact:

Randy Van Vleck, Active Transportation Manager, City Heights CDC,
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Colina del Sol Pool



Dive-In Movie



Featuring

How to Train Your Dragon

Pool Opens at 8:00 pm

Movie Starts at Dusk

Friday, August 12th

Snack Bar will be open

\$4.00 Adults, \$2.00 Children, Seniors, People with Disabilities

Pool will close at 10:00 or when movie ends

Children under 7 must be accompanied at all times

No floatation devices allowed

Teralta Neighborhood Park Movie Night

Please join us for the monthly movie night! Bring your family and blankets to gather under the stars and relax while watching a family-friendly movie with neighbors.

Free Movie



Movie: Up

When: Friday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 pm

Where: Teralta Park, City Heights, Orange Avenue and 40th Street

What to bring: Snacks, blankets, chairs, and family!



*** If there is a chance of rain on the scheduled date, movie will be postponed until following Friday ***



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What is showing the rest of the year?

Datatouille Sept. 30 at 7 pm

Megamind Nov. 18 at 6:30 pm